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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA

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(D) NOUAKCHOTT 2170 (NOTAL)

1. MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAMDI
OULD MOUKNASS TOLD CHARGE SEPT. 15 THAT GIRM POLICY ON KOREAN
QUESTION IS STILL EVOLVING. IN SESSION WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED
BY FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN, ASIAN AND AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, KANE KHARASSE, FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT THERE HAS
BEEN NO CHANGE IN GIRM POSITION FROM THAT EXPLAINED TO AMBASSA-
DOR HANDYSIDE IN LATE JULY (REF B). MOUKNASS ADDED THAT ADDI-
TIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION WOULD BE COMMUNICATED
IN DUE COURSE TO MAURITANIAN UN DELEGATION.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER LISTENED PATIENTLY TO TALKING POINTS ON
KOREAN QUESTION SET FORTH IN REF A. HE PERKED UP NOTICEABLY
ONLY AT MENTION OF NORTHKOREAN SECURITY ARRANGE-
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MENTS WITH BOTH SOVIET UNION AND PRC AND ASKED IF HE COULD

HAVE COPIES OF TEXTS, PARTICULARLY OF NORTH-KOREAN-USSR
ACCORD. KANE KHARASSE INTERJECTED THAT AMBASSADOR HANDYJT
SIDE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED COPIES OF AGREEMENTS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BAKAR OULD
SIDI HAIBI (REF C). KHARASSE PROMISED TO RETRIEVE THEM
FOR FOREIGN MINISTER'S PERUSAL.

3. COMMENT: UNLESS THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOP-
MENTS CONIRNING KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA, SERIOUSLY DOUBT
ANYTHING WILL BE GAINED BY REHASHING ANYTIME SOON ARGU-
MENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH GIRM
OFFICIALS.YIOUKNASS GAVE
IMPRESSION THAT HYUHAD HEARD ALL OF ARGUMENTS BEFORE
(EXCEPT FOR NORTH KOREAN SECURITY ACCORDS), THAT POSITION
OF USG IS FULLY DERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED, AND IT NOW
REMAINS FOR GIRM TO WIEGH ALL EIVDENCE AND MAKE FINAL
DECISION. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON SEVERAL OTHER UNGA ISSUES.

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